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LB 849  
LR 101, 102

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Smith. I'll now recognize senators wishing to address the Smith amendment. Senator Ashford. Senator Schmit. Senator Warner. Senator Cudaback. Okay. Does anyone else wish to address the Smith amendment? Seeing none, do you have closing? Closing is waived. We'll now vote on the Smith amendment. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Madam President, on adoption of Senator Smith's amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The Smith amendment is adopted. Further...

CLERK: Senator Smith, you now have pending AM1718, Senator. (Smith amendment, AM1718, appears on page 2374 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT MOUL: Senator Smith.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you. Thank you, Madam President. I offer this amendment for a number of reasons. I'm just going to discuss, very briefly, remember that on the last time when we dealt with LB 849 an amendment was attached, Senator Schmit's amendment, AM1639, which makes the state the sole distributor of pickle cards, under the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act. This amendment would, first of all, then try to strike that amendment. And my reasons are the following. First of all, the Schmit amendment is a significant change in policy, under the Nebraska Pickle Card Lottery Act, in the four-tier system of licensing, manufacturers, distributors, operators, and nonprofit organizations. And I hesitate, at this time, to make this change without setting in depth and giving the body the opportunity for a full understanding of the significance of the change. The General Affairs Committee has introduced LR 102 to study the issues surrounding the state becoming the sole distributor of pickle cards. And, in addition to that, the committee has introduced LR 101, which would study illegal gambling activity in the state, and those are going to be dealt with during the interim. And it may be that we will find that the state should pursue becoming the state...the sole distributor of pickle cards. But, again, I would not want that amendment to stand at this point in time as a part of the bill. Another argument might be made, because I know that a lot of us